Milwaukee County

Supervisor Jason Haas, 14th District

AN "OPEN" MIND TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS

IMSD to study open source software platform for Milwaukee County government

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Jason Haas achieved his first legislative victory Wednesday when the Finance & Audit Committee approved his 2012 Budget Amendment requesting an analysis of implementing open source software in Milwaukee County.

The Budget Amendment calls for Milwaukee County's Information Management Services Division (IMSD) to examine open source software platforms as possible replacements for web, calendar, and e-mail services. The advantages of open source software include its low-cost, stability, security and reliability.

"Through open source platforms, Milwaukee County can begin saving money on the hundreds of thousands of dollars it pays each year for software licensing," Supervisor Haas said. "I thank my colleagues for supporting this cost-saving initiative and look forward to receiving approval from the full County Board at the budget adoption meeting on Monday."

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